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#### LIBRARY SERVICE IN MINNESOTA

As no separate biennial report of the Library Division will be issued this year, the statistics of tax-supported public libraries are printed herewith.

Only 23 libraries reached the A. L. A. standard of expenditure of \$1 per capita, but 87 report a number of borrowers equal to and in many cases exceeding 30 per cent of the population, and 75 report a circulation of 5 or more per capita.

#### SUMMARY

159 public libraries in Minnesota.  
1,327,427 people, 55 per cent of the total, live in public library service areas.  
1,725,871 volumes in public libraries, less than one book per capita for all the population of 2,387,125.  
7,707,715 volumes issued from them in a year, a little over 3 per capita for all the population.  
\$1,281,934.26 expended for public libraries in a year, about 53 cents per capita for all the population.  
8 counties have no public libraries.  
6 villages and cities of over 2,500 have no public libraries.

STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1926

Place	Population 1920 Census	Receipts			Expenditures					Hours per Week Open for Lend- ing	Borrowers		Circu- lation	Librarian	
		Taxes	*Other Re- ceipts	Total	Books, Period- icals and Binding	Library Service	Salaries	Jan- itorial	Other Ex- penses		Volumes	Total			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						
A—Over 25,000															
Minneapolis.....	425,435	306,504.27	26,340.18	422,833.45	82,587.27	25,627.19	30,822.41	212,758.15	58,247.02	212	72	447,721	140,302	2,790,542	Gratia A. Countryman
Saint Paul.....	234,698	270,800.80	13,598.70	229,677.50	20,304.64	142,667.87	25,287.35	30,612.30	21,872.16	127	75	344,180	76,593	1,504,998	Webster Wheelock
Duluth.....	110,502	71,121.96	5,068.89	76,190.85	18,477.69	36,973.27	6,529.05	12,442.93	74,422.94	27	72	104,407	26,151	458,446	Edna G. Moore
B—10,000-25,000															
Austin.....	10,118	5,796.22	3,773.32	9,569.54	2,131.37	2,515.00	420.00	3,626.06	8,692.43	2	72	9,935	5,275	49,169	Mrs. Tanya Burgess Hines
Chisholm.....	11,287	37,336.78	661.86	37,998.64	3,591.43	12,036.21	1,646.00	8,673.91	25,947.55	8	72	18,368	4,073	105,978	Agnes V. Johnson
Faribault.....	11,089	7,019.99	2,219.46	9,239.45	1,612.37	3,806.22	510.97	5,926.56	510.97	5	66	23,355	4,896	62,506	Florence D. Love
Hibbing.....	15,089	49,791.95	48,791.95	11,162.70	20,130.99	6,511.15	11,987.11	49,791.95	12	72	47,757	10,207	234,559	Dorothy Hurlbert	
Mankato.....	12,469	8,752.55	1,502.27	10,254.82	2,843.55	3,840.00	1,782.13	9,245.68	3	72	20,565	5,549	90,262	Edith Recheysl	
Rochester.....	225,000	13,969.53	5,662.07	19,631.60	3,333.95	5,720.33	1,119.50	4,924.18	15,097.96	6	72	18,355	5,782	132,373	Margaret Hickman
St. Cloud.....	15,873	7,307.46	319.56	7,627.02	1,691.80	2,105.20	720.00	2,270.69	6,785.69	3	48	14,617	12,278	61,770	Mary V. Hale
Virginia.....	14,520	32,762.51	7,091.38	39,853.89	8,613.81	10,592.25	1,289.00	9,036.55	29,331.61	7	75	32,045	6,507	174,184	Grace M. Stevens
Winona.....	19,143	20,134.53	4,806.06	24,941.19	3,602.63	6,189.14	1,225.00	2,884.33	13,961.70	5	69	42,759	7,375	125,586	Jeannette A. Clarke
C—5,000-10,000															
Albert Lea.....	8,056	4,056.02	2,536.43	6,592.45	698.34	1,660.50	420.00	897.63	3,676.47	1	36	9,243	5,016	86,928	Henryetta Armstrong
Bemidji.....	7,086	2,736.33	802.51	3,538.84	1,033.53	987.50	240.00	878.59	3,139.62	1	42	5,611	3,505	34,338	Mrs. Florence F. Netzer
Brainerd.....	9,591	2,804.80	585.47	3,490.27	684.93	1,004.50	400.00	665.85	2,755.28	2	36	8,093	3,299	41,276	Mrs. Clara T. Jones
Cloquet.....	5,127	7,068.12	4,395.33	11,460.45	1,762.76	3,732.05	690.00	2,821.88	8,976.69	3	54	8,961	3,575	60,197	Maud Grogan
Crookston.....	6,828	7,893.79	816.37	4,710.16	1,096.97	1,965.00	390.00	888.00	4,339.97	1	42	6,790	2,231	36,372	Mrs. Clara C. Bordwell
Eveleth.....	7,205	19,504.55	742.83	20,247.38	6,357.93	7,798.35	1,833.75	3,642.08	19,632.11	4	72	15,572	2,499	95,886	Lillie C. Liliequist
Fergus Falls.....	7,881	4,249.58	374.31	4,623.89	595.22	2,406.25	360.00	1,350.51	4,711.98	3	58	13,468	5,583	46,972	Amey A. Lewis
Little Falls.....	5,906	2,678.06	1,144.16	3,823.22	500.13	1,681.44	225.53	369.22	2,776.32	3	30	7,479	1,726	12,835	Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard
Moorehead.....	5,720	2,604.00	2,031.47	4,635.47	1,342.16	1,783.16	693.00	1,188.05	4,916.37	2	39	12,931	2,615	35,074	Ethel S. McCubrey
Owatonna.....	7,252	7,213.02	637.60	6,664.20	1,347.00	2,690.00	780.00	1,849.25	6,666.25	3	48	10,908	4,194	60,471	Maud van Buren
Red Wing.....	8,637	6,026.60	637.60	6,664.20	1,347.00	2,690.00	780.00	1,849.25	6,666.25	3	48	10,908	4,194	60,471	Maud van Buren
South Saint Paul.....	8,890	5,892.89	646.99	6,539.88	1,807.11	2,218.00	2,950	1,248.53	5,276.14	2	54	3,914	1,219	38,682	Grace A. Dorval
Stillwater.....	7,735	76,123.07	1,289.17	7,412.24	1,700.55	2,636.25	620.95	1,633.73	6,591.48	3	54	18,177	3,015	48,015	Gertrude Glennon
Willmar.....	5,892	3,091.56	605.44	3,697.00	724.04	1,547.20	300.00	694.76	3,266.00	2	36	6,314	2,463	27,385	Amey Hanscom

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‡Estimated population.

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		Taxes	*Other Re- ceipts	Total	Books, Period- icals and Binding	Library Service	Salaries	Other Ex- penses			Total	Coun- try		
<b>D—Less than 5,000</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						
Aitkin	1,490	563.65	228.90	822.55	27.40	480.00	119.32	190.51	1	24	2,142	963	21,661	Mrs. H. H. Allison
Alexandria	3,388	1,632.43	413.07	2,045.50	353.57	738.00	240.00	1,996.09	1	30	9,902	487	20,761	Mrs. Margaret A. McCord
Anoka	4,287	1,990.82	649.43	2,640.25	181.65	830.00	390.00	489.42	1	36	6,707	294	17,973	Mrs. Georgia A. Goss
Appleton	1,579	417.00	25.00	442.00	230.37	117.00	12.77	360.14	1	7½	2,544	777	6,261	Mrs. M. H. Thornton
Aurora	2,809	1,484.89	30.10	1,514.99	426.14	625.00	564.55	1,615.69	1	12	2,473	714	11,180	Sadie Ruikka
Baudette	960	1,331.06	128.10	1,459.16	262.25	870.00	120.00	1,378.73	1	21	6,024	394	14,110	Nina Brown
Blue Earth	2,568	1,992.28	1,159.24	3,151.52	612.05	704.00	143.65	1,250.51	1	36	5,997	320	15,333	Alta M. Cummings
Breckenridge	2,401	550.00				180.00				15	2,267			
Brown's Valley	1,438	466.28	281.30	747.58	410.63	195.00		45.30	1	7½	2,963	295	9,980	Clara L. Oakley
Buffalo	2,007	12,053.37	273.27	12,326.64	2,050.37	4,928.26	3,773.50	1,374.69	2	72	13,129	315	30,684	Willa Barnes
Buhl	1,570	535.06	325.80	860.86	351.10	330.00		97.43	1	12	3,133	1,277	3,027	Celia Bouquet
Caledonia	1,700	1,902.52	1,603.67	2,506.19	151.49	625.00	116.19	111.94	1	6	1,276	234	3,640	Mrs. H. V. Le Master
Chatham	1,352	513.45	1,067.25	6,070.73	1,362.79	1,978.05		2,523.92	1	28½	6,346	1,040	14,445	Emmette Johnson
Coltraine	3,500	1,212.04	106.39	1,318.43	386.33	440.00		104.61	2	54	3,790	176	29,406	Ruth Vandyste
Croby	3,470	1,500.00	1,443.25	2,943.25	360.78	690.00	240.00	237.61	1	12	3,407	700	12,295	Mrs. H. Ingalls
Dawson	3,411	811.26	1,335.39	2,146.65	48.78	580.00		521.58	1	24	3,563	600	6,115	Elise M. Potter
Detroit	9,982	2,263.70	94.40	2,358.10	28.76			12.97	1	30	5,853	90	13,106	Mrs. W. H. McCart
Elk River	4,092	2,263.70		2,263.70	1,363.70	900.00		2,263.70	1	13	813	522	3,656	Doris Middlestadt
Elk	1,096	500.00	31.20	531.20	67.70	215.50		113.91	1	18	1,095	157	19,004	Mrs. Ruth King
Fairfax	4,630	2,898.47	1,028.41	3,926.88	1,217.53	1,240.40	223.25	1,096.61	2	6	1,095	10	3,380	Mrs. Leone Vaughan
Farmont	1,747	1,142.72	94.50	1,237.22	123.70	480.00	67.10	373.00	1	10½	3,852	4,032	8,342	Mrs. Cassa B. Selnes
Glencoe	2,187	1,142.72	252.56	1,395.28	410.57	360.00	150.00	317.86	1	16	5,142	790	13,149	Mrs. Anna E. Crowe
Grandville	1,022	1,987.00	251.97	2,238.97	127.33	50.00	2.40	41.43	1	5	1,097	78	\$150	Lucy E. Keller
Grand Menace	443	50.00	76.70	126.70	71.92			18.70	1	6	974	612	974	Mrs. J. F. Krause
Grand Meadow	579	50.00	507.86	557.86	1,205.40	1,351.50	458.30	868.27	1	30	9,402	3,076	46,861	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett
Grand Rapids	2,914	14,639.13	507.86	15,147.00	238.38	190.00	33.00	136.85	1	8	2,801	802	8,068	Mrs. Frances Feley
Granite Falls	1,611	500.00	473.00	973.00	238.38	190.00	33.00	136.85	1	37½	6,672	661	17,294	Stella Telford
Hastings	4,571	250.00	1,245.75	1,495.75	367.62	1,024.59		1,392.21	1					

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D—Continued		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			Volumes			
Herman.....	630	208.35	181.76	390.11	.....	180.00	.....	180.00	1	4	853	150	460	Leila M. Stewart
Hill City.....	928	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00	340.00	845.00	.....	1,250.00	1	14	4,055	2,026	21,536	Mrs. Lillian Wheeler
Hopkins.....	3,055	3,061.10	1,768.73	4,829.83	756.73	1,020.00	300.00	893.99	1	36	6,725	175	21,536	Ella J. Adams
Hutchinson.....	3,379	1,105.85	320.45	1,426.30	1,320.80	4,100.36	.....	8,585.14	3	72	15,767	2,234	62,282	Winnie Foster
International Falls.....	3,448	1,133.22	987.99	2,121.21	365.95	660.00	.....	1,025.95	1	6	2,214	1,155	16,195	Pauline M. Hofmeister
Ironton.....	1,165	504.78	548.46	1,053.24	136.20	240.00	.....	473.20	1	8	3,063	708	6,803	Nellie R. Rouse
Jackson.....	2,144	836.01	337.85	1,173.86	190.00	480.00	33.75	180.02	1	25	3,369	600	6,649	Eva Harrington
Janesville.....	1,261	420.00	233.25	653.25	92.07	363.75	.....	485.20	1	34	2,046	3	4,200	Ida C. Cornell
Kasson.....	1,150	100.00	59.00	159.00	25.23	37.71	.....	66.94	1	3 1/2	1,254	287	.....	Mrs. R. Leland
Kenyon.....	1,362	1,549.82	988.39	2,538.21	475.36	740.00	195.14	1,614.17	1	21	6,206	1,143	18,968	Jennie E. Baker
Lake City.....	2,846	700.38	541.84	1,242.22	140.25	108.90	85.35	424.87	1	10	2,782	729	6,132	Elizabeth Ann Price
Leroy.....	707	68.29	94.08	162.37	56.30	30.00	.....	95.83	1	3	1,169	164	1,095	Elenora Akerson
Lindstrom.....	523	12,192.98	1,214.56	3,407.54	369.80	1,140.00	300.00	623.47	1	27	5,635	1,442	16,521	Mrs. Alice A. Lamb
Litchfield.....	2,790	100.00	13.26	113.26	115.00	100.00	.....	215.00	1	22	1,924	1,139	4,149	Marion Lewis
Long Prairie.....	1,346	2,634.01	1,995.66	4,629.67	378.08	618.25	275.00	2,313.61	1	30	5,501	1,824	9,637	Mabel Birkett
Lovene.....	2,782	2,534.01	528.20	1,728.20	932.21	464.40	3.00	325.90	1	33	5,092	1,366	11,810	Mrs. H. L. Borgendale
Madison.....	1,838	1,200.00	77.83	1,277.83	38.23	38.46	.....	108.99	1	4	514	448	2,458	Rose O'Loughlin
Maple Lake.....	677	94.13	77.83	171.96	136.30	150.00	.....	125.78	1	14	2,347	436	5,087	Mrs. Jennie B. Johnston
Marbleton.....	857	600.00	374.97	2,711.40	1,243.24	860.00	.....	239.13	1	30	2,348	587	5,713	Della Erickson
Marshall.....	742	2,336.43	634.17	2,931.67	660.03	1,139.98	216.36	2,238.38	2	33	3,919	922	17,713	Elizabeth L. Rank
Minneapolis.....	3,092	2,297.59	.....	2,297.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montevideo.....	894	1,830.37	1,001.61	2,831.98	294.24	855.00	285.00	916.42	1	30	7,312	2,173	17,905	Mabel Hanning
Monticello.....	4,419	178.18	983.91	1,162.09	38.60	120.00	4.00	123.89	1	5	2,560	1,530	3,652	Mina Caldwell
Morris.....	1,024	2,726.00	1,474.61	4,200.61	748.02	1,200.00	177.15	988.29	1	34	8,449	1,638	21,250	Agnes E. Torpey
Mountain Iron.....	2,320	8,317.00	4,644.63	12,961.63	2,022.76	3,795.05	1,847.10	4,538.26	2	72	9,665	94	26,594	Fern Gavin
Newport.....	1,453	1,404.32	288.04	692.36	212.15	156.00	.....	101.73	1	9	2,098	453	7,134	Mrs. Sadie Pennel
North Mankato.....	1,840	344.29	300.11	644.40	148.57	207.60	5.00	85.30	1	9	2,840	613	13,204	Charlotte B. Culp
North Saint Paul.....	1,979	1,450.00	761.34	2,211.34	494.53	657.50	.....	1,063	1	17 1/2	2,237	1,238	11,648	Mrs. Ametta E. Taverna
Northfield.....	4,023	643.01	2,243.49	2,886.50	704.40	639.10	390.00	486.59	1	25	7,832	2,288	16,021	Mary L. Southworth
Olivia.....	1,488	615.32	101.63	719.95	172.82	300.00	.....	195.40	1	14	2,355	616	13,087	Mrs. N. Coucheron

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						Library Service	Jan- itorial									
<b>D—Continued</b>																
Ortonville	1,758	1,294.22	551.30	1,845.52	533.71	588.85	159.00	593.55	1,845.11	1	21	4,201	800	12,416	Hester J. Clark	
Park Rapids	1,693	848.60	546.53	1,395.13	312.04	225.00	40.00	160.96	738.90	2	10	6,508	1,109	13,325	Mrs. Core C. Wade	
Payneville	1,069	375.23	126.39	501.62	140.07	250.00	1.50	24.04	415.61	1	11	1,612	835	3,641	Victoria G. C. Perkins	
Pine Island	934	43,482.90	279.30	3,762.20	477.57	1,200.00		2,124.63	3,762.20	2	33	4,792	834	19,029	Mrs. Claude C. Perkins	
Pleaton	3,325	2,726.76	127.13	2,853.89	626.80	1,100.00	363.25	912.69	3,092.74	2	30	9,292	2,555	15,509	Mrs. May C. Funk	
Pleasantview	1,370	363.36	662.03	1,025.39	118.22	480.00		48.01	646.23	1	19	2,702	1,071	1,683	Mrs. Mary Belheim	
Preston	1,227	1,179.34	1,385.64	2,564.98	359.67	575.00	58.00	67.10	1,663.77	1	30	4,896	548	7,673	Mrs. Blanche Hovelson	
Princeton	1,685	1,699.80	246.82	1,946.62	758.16	1,010.00		115.33	1,883.49	1	30	3,872	891	16,139	Mrs. Lulu E. Owens	
Redwood Falls	2,421	1,889.41	452.51	2,341.92	337.82	210.00	156.90	350.35	1,855.07	1	36	4,782	1,596	13,941	Marie Tolman	
Rushford	1,142	583.90	235.57	819.27	251.13	360.00	82.25	266.95	810.33	1	6	2,868	470	6,562	Emma Grampton	
St. Charles	1,351	675.50	389.68	1,065.18	134.37	420.00		183.64	678.01	1	18	2,842	565	8,215	Maria I. Keaville	
St. James	2,673	983.35	1,816.18	2,799.53	243.16	360.00		155.09	818.25	1	33	2,668	1,321	9,315	Maria A. Olson	
St. Cloud	4,335	1,800.00	2,129.02	3,929.02	403.15	906.60		1,391.70	2,881.45	2	33	6,935	1,046	10,097	Mrs. Anna C. Schmitz	
Sauk Center	1,200	388.90		388.90	45.00	240.00	28.50	75.50	389.00	1	14	1,827		6,981	Mrs. Anna C. Schmitz	
Sand Lake	2,609	2,729.98	1,099.45	3,829.43	1,041.20	1,028.65	88.81	250.75	2,409.41	1	40	11,676	625	22,738	Eva M. Davis	
Spring Valley	2,549	1,573.20	33.31	1,606.51	342.96	619.00	300.00	283.30	1,545.26	1	36	3,793	1,444	10,525	Lydia S. Sasse	
Staples	1,871	1,366.72	602.17	1,968.89	222.75	402.50	60.00	1,055.06	1,740.31	1	9	2,335	2,288	8,191	Edna Albro	
Thief River Falls	2,570	534.19	260.09	794.28	290.05	186.00		62.59	558.55	1	9	2,406	2,513	11,813	Carrie Mayer	
Thief River Falls	4,985	3,000.00	805.06	3,805.06	672.98	1,268.38	470.00	1,236.16	3,647.52	2	33	5,713	2,513	3,963	Mrs. Frances F. Mordloch	
Two Harbors	4,546	2,224.69	1,049.81	3,274.50	583.59	1,342.60		677.83	2,694.02	2	42	4,938	2,304	25,136	Mrs. Ethel C. Tuttle	
Wadena	2,249	731.43	192.76	924.19	239.54	384.50	30.10	269.48	923.62	1	14	5,062	1,910	20,335	Clara E. Hornbogen	
Walker	2,186	1,108.56	558.94	1,667.50	350.68	690.00	3.70	67.58	1,111.96	1	20	3,185	839	17,888	Jean P. Stewart	
Warren	1,772	344.40	319.35	663.75	140.36	180.00	63.00	149.20	532.56	1	16 1/2	3,688		7,978	Mrs. W. R. McMurray	
Waterville	1,211	255.17	420.67	675.84	20.52	210.00		130.41	360.93	1	13 1/2	4,095		6,157	Mrs. Jennie Foster	
White Bear	2,022	1,465.50	806.24	2,301.74	220.83	900.00		315.05	1,425.88	1	24	5,656	500	15,181	Ada M. Palmer	
Winnebago	1,641	998.41	636.39	1,634.80	165.62	440.00	10.60	495.44	1,111.66	1	19	3,513	1,294	9,817	Mrs. Minnie G. Evans	
Worthington	3,481	1,189.89	788.49	1,978.38	202.72	829.00	230.00	572.13	1,833.85	1	30	6,537	750	18,548	Mrs. Leo R. Kraft	
Zumbrota	1,265	1,000.00	552.39	1,552.39	265.32	373.33	137.25	319.99	1,095.89	1	16	3,650	950	9,482	Nora E. Koehler	

\*Includes unexpended balance, gifts and endowments.  
 †Includes County and School appropriations.  
 Small libraries are operated by library associations or clubs, usually with volunteer librarians at Akley, Annandale, Berleley, Bird Island, \*Blackduck, Brownville, Cambridge, Case Lake, Chaska, Cokato, Deerwood, Dodge Center, \*Edgerton, Elbow Lake, Emore, Farmington, Fulda, Georgetown, Harmony, Hills, Howard Lake, Kelliher, Lake Crystal, \*LeSueur, Littlefork, Mabel, Mahanomen, Mantorville, Maynard, Milaca, Northome, Perham, Pine City, Pine River, Royalton, Rush City, Shakopee, West Concord, Westbrook, Windom and Winthrop.  
 \*Have now become tax-supported.



STATISTICS OF COUNTY LIBRARIES

County	Contracting Public Library	No. of Volumes		Rural Population Served	Rural Borrowers	Branches	Deposit Stations	Rural Circulation	County Appropriation	Expenditures			
		P. L.	**County Collection							Books and Binding	Service	Transportation	Other Expenses
Anoka	Anoka Public Library	6,990	.....	11,339	311	.....	.....	*	\$ 500.00	Added to library fund	.....	.....	.....
Dakota	South St. Paul Public Library	5,000	.....	16,087	*	.....	.....	.....	7,500.00	Appropriated for County building	.....	.....	\$ 2,816.88
Hennepin	Minneapolis Public Library	463,078	48,403	31,837	9,865	20	14	261,544	28,849.00	\$9,324.48	\$16,085.69	621.95	\$ 1,750.00
Itasca	Grand Rapids Public Library	10,178	.....	11,920	879	.....	139	20,754	2,500.00	750.00	.....	.....	.....
Koochiching	International Falls Public Library	15,767	11,039	8,659	*	.....	47	19,640	2,500.00	814.10	1,400.00	222.61	.....
Meeker	Litchfield Public Library	5,635	.....	15,313	652	.....	.....	*	200.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....
Olustee	Rochester Public Library	17,019	.....	14,292	431	.....	18	8,925	600.00	600.00	.....	.....	.....
Ramsey	Saint Paul Public Library	338,266	5,103	5,845	1,600	.....	29	25,232	2,000.00	987.04	735.63	114.38	115.65
Steele	Owatonna Public Library	20,000	933	10,809	649	.....	30	13,725	1,500.00	1,425.00	800.00	50.00	25.01
Washington	Stillwater Public Library	18,177	870	16,026	1,913	.....	36	9,946	\$ 1,200.00	255.33	.....	77.32	26.41

\*Not counted separately.

†Includes new Dodge chassis, and equipment, heat and light for branches.

\*\*In every case the entire collection of the contracting library is open to all residents of the county.

‡County also appropriates \$250 each to North St. Paul and White Bear.

§County also appropriates \$100 to Newport and \$250 to Lincoln Township.

NOTES ON COUNTY STATISTICS

**Anoka County**—Books are issued to residents of the county who come to the library. Often one person takes books for several neighbors. Books are also mailed on request, chiefly to teachers and club-members.

**Dakota County**—\$7,500 was appropriated by the county commissioners to the new Memorial Library Building on condition that service should be extended to the county. \$500 has been set aside in the budget for extension work and requests from rural schools are already coming in.

**Hennepin County**—The following is an extract from the annual report of the librarian to the County Commissioners—

"The best thing that ever happened to Hennepin County is the county library," was a remark made by a county library patron a few weeks ago when she and her husband carried an armful of books from the county library bookwagon into their home and left a request for special books on the next trip.

The year's work started off well with the opening of the Robbinsdale library building on January 5, 1926. The equipment for the new building built by the Library Club of Robbinsdale was purchased by the County Library and the use of the new library by the people of the community has been increasing steadily.

At Hamel, the Farmers State bank offered a room in their building for a library and a small branch has been established there so that the residents of Hennepin County in that vicinity may have library service.

On December 10th, Edina Library moved into a large room in the new school building and have most attractive quarters with new furniture purchased by the county library. Some new equipment was added during the year to Champlin, Eden Prairie, Long Lake, Maple Plain, Mound, Robbinsdale, and Stubbs Bay libraries.

Small basic reference collections of books were bought for each branch library aside from the ordinary book purchases for the year, and extra copies of a text book used by Miss Olson, of the County Agent's Bureau, in her Home Management courses were bought and circulated through her group leaders.

The director of the county library spoke in the fall at two meetings of the rural school teachers and brought the library to the attention of many county residents at the County Fair in August.

The old Ford truck made its last trip at the end of the year and was turned in on a new Dodge chassis. A special body adapted for traveling library work has been built and we expect to cover the territory of Hennepin County in a much more satisfactory and efficient way than heretofore.

Mrs. Lucas, the branch librarian at Eden Prairie, takes a basket of books with

her to church each Sunday and has thus reached many people who do not come to the library.

Mrs. Dominick, at Glen Lake, had charge of the program for the monthly meeting of their community association, and advertised the library by giving the play "Exit Miss Lizzie Cox."

**Itasca County**—The Grand Rapids library is the only one in the county doing rural extension work, yet in 1926 the circulation amounted to three books for every man, woman and child in the county, not excepting the population of Coleraine, Marble, Keewatin and Nashwauk, which maintain village libraries, and are not included in the county tax. These villages do not draw upon the extension service of the Grand Rapids institution.

In January, 1927, more than half of the circulation of the library was in the rural districts. At the January meeting of the county commissioners, \$1,000 was appropriated for extension work for the first six months of the year, and an additional \$500 for purchase and repair of books.

**Koochiching County**—Through contract with the school districts, the library serves all of the county, with the exception of five small townships in the S. W. corner of the county. The adult population not reached by the schools send in their requests by mail or come directly to the library and all wants are carefully attended to.

**Meeker County**—Libraries of 30 or 50 volumes are lent to school districts for circulation during the school year. These are changed as often as desired, usually every three months. Patrons call for the boxes at Litchfield Public Library and return them. When a few books are desired for any special purpose, they are mailed. The library pays postage one way.

**Olmsted County**—The rural circulation for 1926 is nearly double that of a year ago.

**Ramsey County**—Library service in Ramsey County is carried on from the St. Paul Public Library by a county appropriation. The school districts have contracts with the library, in which they agree to transfer their book funds and to cooperate with the library in providing adequate service.

Book collections are changed every three months, and "Special Requests" are sent by mail at any time. An interesting feature of the service is the work at the county jail where books are distributed each Saturday morning to a grateful and eager group.

Last fall a radio and several unusual friezes added to the attractiveness of the exhibit at the County Fair, which proved an excellent method of reaching the adult reader.

Through an increased appropriation for 1927, it will be possible to have a book truck, insuring a more efficient and personal service to the rural people of Ramsey County.

**Steele County**—In Steele County, there are regular deposit stations at Blooming Prairie, Ellendale and Medford, besides 27 rural schools which receive books regularly.

Teachers of Blooming Prairie, Ellendale and Medford visit the library to make their own selection of books for classroom use and collateral reading. Packet libraries on required subjects are sent teachers, club women, and others, on request. "Reading with a purpose" courses in Frontiers of Knowledge and English Literature are pursued by two county patrons. Efforts are being made to interest other rural patrons in these courses.

Rural teachers depend almost entirely upon the central library for special day program material and for collateral reading. Since making the teacher responsible for all agency books in her care, there has been a noticeable improvement in the care of books.

**Washington County**—The county people have the same privileges in using the main library as the people of Stillwater. Deposit collections are often made up from books in the childrens room and adult bookshelves. "In giving service we do not stop to think whether a book belongs to the county or city but give it to the person who wants it, when it is wanted."

**Rock County**—The discovery of a "Rock County Library Association" stamp in some old books in the Luverne Public Library brought to light the fact that Rock County was probably the earliest in the state to have a county library. The by-laws of the association have been unearthed, indicating that the association was organized in 1882, with 63 members, who paid a membership fee of 50 cents and monthly dues of 25 cents. Ninety percent of all funds was to be expended for books and periodicals. The library was open Monday and Friday of each week and the librarian, who was required to give a bond of \$500, was "compensated for his services by a sum equal to his yearly membership dues."

**St. Louis County**—The Library Committee of the St. Louis County Club, of which Grace Stevens, of Virginia, is chairman, is making a study of library service for St. Louis County. At the meeting of the club in Duluth, December 17th, Miss Baldwin spoke briefly before the women's section, and also at the banquet in the evening. The Committee is collecting material for debates on the subject to be sent to the rural clubs of the county, and is preparing a budget and complete outline of plans to be presented to the board of directors for their consideration.

**MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Paul, Nov. 8, 9, 10, 1927**  
**Tentative Program**

The date was chosen in order to take advantage of the special rates offered the M. E. A. and to make it possible for the public librarians doing special school work to attend the school librarians' meeting, Nov. 11, in Minneapolis, and for school librarians to hear the discussion of books at the afternoon session on Thursday Nov. 10.

The program is planned to be of interest to trustees as well as librarians.

Nov. 8th Tuesday. Dinner meeting.

Short after dinner speeches by librarians presenting different phases of work.

Rural Public Library Service (Play).

Nov. 9th Wednesday. 9:00 A. M.

Public Library administration

1. What is the function of the library board?
2. What is the function of the librarian?
3. How shall the budget be planned?
4. How shall the book fund be apportioned?
5. What elements in library work should be stressed?
6. What shall be the method of making additions to the library?
7. What shall be the method of making withdrawals from the library?
8. How shall statistics of circulation be kept to determine use of library by schools compared to use by general public?
9. How may books be borrowed from the traveling library?
  - a. Reference and home reading.
  - b. Expensive books.
10. What plan has the State Library for lending books for examination before purchase?
11. How shall borrowers be registered?

Wednesday 12:30. Luncheons: Hospital Librarians; Trustees; Small Libraries.  
Wednesday 2:30 P. M.  
Free for visiting libraries. The State Library Division will be at home.

Nov. 10 Thursday 9:00 A. M.

Business Session

10:00 A. M. Reports of committees.

Survey of The Field.—Miss Clara F. Baldwin, Director of Libraries.

"The Catalog and the Public."—Miss Margaret Mann, University of Michigan Library School.

11:00 Catalogers' Section, Miss Helen K. Starr presiding.

2:30 P. M.

Books: History, Travel, Economics, Sociology are to be presented.

Announcement regarding hotels will be made in a later issue of Library Notes and News.

Your 1927 membership dues (50c) to the Minnesota Library Association may be sent to the Secretary, Miss Adelaide C. Rood, Sumner Branch Library, 6th Ave. N. and Emerson, Minneapolis, Minn.

**WHY JOIN THE A. L. A.?**

The Fiftieth Anniversary Year of the American Library Association is over. It set a new pace for library progress. The impetus and inspiration that it brought points the way to greater expansion in all branches of library work.

Now, at the beginning of its fifty-first year of service, the A. L. A. finds itself more than ever in need of increased membership if the aims of the organization—to raise standards of librarianship, to provide better library tools, to secure better legislation and better salaries, to advance library interests everywhere are to be realized.

The Association is the official organization of the library profession functioning to promote the best interests of libraries and library workers, and as such it merits their support.

Membership in the A. L. A. will bring returns that more than justify the nominal fee. Its literature will open a channel to you through which will flow the best thought upon library interests. Its advisory service will help you to solve library problems. It maintains a free employment bureau.

The terms of membership are

\$2.00 if you wish ten numbers of the A. L. A. Bulletin (without the **Handbook and Proceedings**).

\$4.00 if you wish the **Handbook and Proceedings** in addition to ten numbers of the Bulletin.

One dollar, initiation fee for new members.

Institutional members, \$5.00 a year.

Life members, \$50.00. Contributing members, \$25.00 a year.

Sustaining members, \$100.00 a year.

The A. L. A. Bulletin is the official periodical of the Association with up-to-date news of Association activities.

The annual Handbook is a Librarians' directory—a "Who's Who" of the library profession. Your name should be in it.

The Proceedings contain the thought of eminent library specialists upon subjects of urgent appeal to every library worker.

The A. L. A. stands for you and your library. Will you not stand with it? Send your name today to A. L. A. Headquarters, 86 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The A. L. A. Travel Committee announces a fare-and-one-half rate to the Toronto Conference, June 20-25. This rate would be limited in time to the convention period, but there will be the usual Summer tourist rates. The regular one-way fare to Toronto from St. Paul is \$31.98. Lower berth, \$9.00.



## TWIN CITY CATALOGERS' ROUND TABLE

The Twin City Catalogers' Round Table held a meeting February 4th in Minneapolis at the Yellow Lantern Tea Room with Mrs. Stuhr, chairman, presiding. A memorial to Miss Marion Wakely was read and adopted. Miss Wakely who had been cataloger at the Agricultural College Library for thirteen years died January 2nd. A copy of the memorial appears in this issue of the Minnesota Library Notes and News, p. 215.

A committee was appointed by Mrs. Stuhr to make arrangements for the program of the catalog section of the M. L. A. meeting next fall. Miss Helen K. Starr, of the Hill Reference Library, was asked to serve as chairman of this committee. Miss Harriet Wood, president of the M. L. A., outlined the plans for the annual meeting of the state association. Another committee of chiefs of catalog divisions or their representatives was appointed to consider the problem of the extension of cooperative cataloging which is to be one of the subjects on the program of the A. L. A. catalog section. Miss Jessie L. Arms, of the University Library, delegated Miss Norris to act as chairman of the committee in her place. Mr. Hall, chairman of the A. L. A. catalog section, has been corresponding with Mrs. Jennings, chairman of the regional groups of catalogers, and asks for suggestions. The evening's program closed with an interesting lecture by Miss Enckling, of the Minneapolis Public Library, on "Wit and humor."

STELLA COURTEAU, Secretary.

## TWIN CITY HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS

The Twin City Hospital Librarians met at the Yellow Lantern Tea Room, Tuesday evening, December 7th. The topic of the evening was presented by Miss Morrissey, who told of her work with nervous and mental patients at Mounds Park Hospital.

A few points to be considered in this branch of hospital library service are:—The doctor must be consulted about each patient for certain subjects are forbidden to many of them.

It is sometimes difficult to attract this type of patient but once they are interested, they are apt to read a great deal. The librarian must be careful not to overdo the work.

Historical novels, biography and travel are usually dependable. Mystery stories in which the plot is the center of interest and humorous stories are very good. Psychology, character analysis, supernatural and fantastic stories should never be given to the nervous and mental patients. Poetry may be given if the doctor approves.

The reading diet for these patients must be varied for they tire quickly of one type of book.

The most important point of all is—that the librarian must know each book which she circulates. Nothing must be taken for granted for some of our most dependable authors occasionally run amuck.

Many of these patients are excellent readers and supplying them with books can be a very stimulating occupation.

The question of uniforms was again brought before the group and several models were exhibited.

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season and "that tired feeling" which follows were responsible for the impromptu program of the January meeting of the Twin Cities Hospital Librarians, at the Women's City Club, January 4.

Miss Jones, who presided, called our attention to the American Journal of Nursing, as containing interesting articles for librarians as well as for the nursing profession.

Two papers, prepared by Miss Nellie Williams, Librarian, for the Nebraska State Institutions, were read by Miss Jones. The first one was presented at the annual meeting of Alienists and Neurologists of America, in July, 1917, under the title of "The library from the patient's point of view." The second, introduced "Books as tools" to the State Nurses Association in Lincoln, October, 1923.

Grey Gables was the name that swung under a jutting piece of the old roof. It was again the first Tuesday of the month and H. L.'s of the Twin Cities had rounded up their band to the extent of ten. Mrs. Elva Bailey, who is chief of this work in the Minneapolis Public Library, was in charge for the evening.

She told us of an amusing little volume called *Physic in Fiction* by a man who signed himself S. Squire Spriggs. This gentleman, probably a physician, obviously a reader gracefully and humorously cited the use and misuse of the art of medicine in a choice of books ranging from Defoe's *Plague of London* to Daisy Miller of the late Mr. James. Here is a nice piece of work, and some whimsical doctor with a flair for writing might do worse than continue such a piece of leisured amusement to the present flood of pathologically polluted fiction.

Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant's article in last May's *Harper's* was quite another matter. Who knows that Dr. Alice Hamilton is one of our great figures in the field of public health and the study of occupational diseases, who knows that she is an accepted authority on these subjects at Geneva among the Secretariat of the League of Nations and who knows that she sprang from a father who dreamed and a mother who was fiendishly fond of fresh air and foreign languages?

The To-day and To-morrow Series. Yes,

open your eyes, what's coming now? Wilson on Thrysymachus (who chooses those terrible titles and how long can they keep them up?) Well, it follows up with a sub-title of "The Doctor of the future." There is not a word of state medicine. That is beside the point. This person, the D. of the F. is to be one of those paragons who embraces all fields of learning and keeps all sympathies keen and himself a fine fit specimen. How can he be anything except "of the future," one wonders. He shall be the perfect humanist, the all-knowing who shall realize that a symptom is not an evidence of disease but rather an evidence of the patient's reaction to life, and being all-knowing will be able to right the temporary unbalance. The author discourses upon the advisability of the present doctor learning how to desensitize nerves, so that much of the present unbalance may be overcome just as many of our so-called bacteria diseases are overcome by the introduction of known anti-toxins at psychological moments. Provocative at least and well put. That suggests another doctor's article and that in turn Dr. Joseph Collins' contribution to the February Harpers—But now the gas heater has been turned off and even our discussion cools down. Yes, it is time to go home.

#### SUMMER LIBRARY COURSES

A group of courses under the direction of F. K. Walter, librarian of the University of Minnesota, will be given in the College of Science, Literature and Arts, including **Reference** by Mr. Walter, 3 credits, a general course in **Book Selection for the Public Library** by Harriet A. Wood, Supervisor of School Libraries, Department of Education, 3 credits; and **Public Library Administration**, by Clara F. Baldwin, Director of Libraries, 2 credits.

Special courses in School Library Methods for teacher librarians will be offered this summer in the College of Education by Alma Penrose, librarian of the University High School. There will be two courses, each carrying three credits one on **School Library Organization and Administration**, including classification and cataloging, and one on **Book Selection for the School Library**.

Registration begins June 17, classes open June 20, and the school closes July 30. A special bulletin of information will be issued soon. Write to F. K. Walter, Librarian, University of Minnesota, for further information.

#### School of Library Service, Columbia University

The school of Library Service, Columbia University, offers courses leading to the B. S. degree, courses leading to the certificate, courses for school librarians and courses for librarians of small public libraries. Apply to the Secretary of the Uni-

versity for the special announcement of the School of Library Service for the Summer Session.

#### School of Education, University of Chicago

Three courses in Library Science Education are offered to students who are familiar with the subject-matter of library science and who are or intend to be teachers of the subjects. These courses include **Problems in Education for Librarianship**, by Ernest J. Reece, Associate Professor at the Columbia School of Library Service; **Principles of Educational Psychology applied to Education for Librarianship**, by Professor F. N. Freeman, University of Chicago, and **Problems in the Teaching of Library Science** by Professor W. W. Charters, University of Chicago.

Summer Courses are also announced by the Universities of Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, and other library schools.

#### LIBRARY AIDS

**Gold Star List, American Fiction, 1821-1927.**—A miniature book map locating the twenty-two good stories of 1926 selected by the staff of the Syracuse Public Library, makes attractive the cover of this excellent, annotated buying list of American fiction. The five hundred titles are grouped by subject—business, country and village life, dog stories, ethical and domestic problems, society novels, stories of places, etc., which makes this a very usable check list for librarians. The price by mail is twenty-five cents, if sent to the Public Library at Syracuse, New York.

**Rural Public Library Service** is a handbook for rural leaders, printed for the League of Library Commissions. A county library station in a rural postoffice is pictured on the cover and serves to introduce the reader to the discussion of various types of state and public library service described within. A list of available printed matter for distribution, a directory of library extension agencies, both national and state, and suggestions for rural leaders make this a valuable aid to librarians who wish to interest their county friends and readers in the county library plan. These leaflets may be secured from this office.

**Fifty Books for Farmers**, published by the American Library Association lists books on crops, fruits, vegetables, farm buildings, forestry and other phases of agricultural life and interest. Where rural borrowers make use of their library facilities, librarians should have copies of this list. It will also suggest interesting titles to be added to agricultural collections.

**Equalizing Library Opportunities** presents briefly, in folder form, the library situation in the United States and adver-

tises the county library as the solution of the rural public library problem.

**Librarianship as a profession for college trained men and women**, will be helpful to librarians when interesting young people in adopting the career of librarian. It is most attractive in make-up and was printed at the 50th anniversary exhibit of the American Library Association. The statement on the cover of the three-fold appeal of librarianship—a profession of books and scholarship, a field for high administrative ability, and a constructive social service—will attract many college people. Emphasis is laid on library work as a growing profession and the booklet describes the various phases of service, qualifications and preparation, salaries, hours, placement and advancement. The accredited Library Schools of 1926 are listed, also. Librarians should make generous use of this pamphlet among their high school and college patrons.

**Circulation work** has been revised by Carl Vitz of the Toledo Public Library and is one of the Manuals of Library Economy. Librarians who are troubled by their present charging systems or rules of registration and circulation, pay duplicate collections, fines, reserves and all the other phases of loan work, will find this manual of value because of its clearness and simplicity. It is helpful to know the general practice in such matters.

**Library Periodicals.**—Do librarians know that the Library Division has circulating copies of Libraries, Library Journal, New York Libraries and Wisconsin Library Bulletin? By paying 50 cents a year to cover postage, your name will be put on the mailing-list and you will receive the current issues as they appear.

#### BOOKS OFFERED

Free for transportation charges  
**Larned**—History for ready reference. 7v.  
(old ed.)  
**Palgrave**—Dictionary of political economy.  
3v.

MAUD VAN BUREN, Librarian,  
Public Library, Owatonna, Minn.

**Larned**—History for ready reference. 5v.  
c' 1893.

**National Education Association.** Proceedings, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1914, 1917, 1920.

**New International encyclopedia.** Ed. 2  
(vol. 8 missing).

EDITH E. H. GRANNIS, Librarian,  
Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn.

#### BOOKS WANTED

**Harpers Magazine.** V. 132 and 134.  
Public Library, Owatonna, Minn.  
**Minnesota Library Notes and News**—V. 3,  
no. 1, 9. V. 6, no. 7.  
Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn.

#### RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

Librarians may borrow these books from the Traveling Library for examination before adding them to their buying lists. These titles should, however, be purchased with reference to what is already in the library.

##### Non-Fiction

**Fisher, Irving.** Prohibition at its worst.  
Macmillan, 1926, 1.75. 178

"Statistical and other data in support of the thesis that prohibition has been beneficial to this country . . . by far the best book favorable to prohibition that has appeared."  
—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

**Browne, Lewis.** This believing world; a simple account of the great religions of mankind. Macmillan, 1926, 3.50. 290

"This is the best popular book on comparative religion that has yet appeared . . . free from dogmatic conviction or cant."—Booklist.

**Quick, Herbert.** Mississippi steamboatin'; a history of steamboating on the Mississippi and its tributaries. Holt, 1926, 3.00. 387

"Begun by Herbert Quick and finished after his death by his son Edward, it covers all of the aspects of the old steamboat days, commercial, picturesque and romantic. . ."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

**Faust, Allen Klein.** The new Japanese womanhood. Doran, 1926, 1.50. 396

The progress made by Japanese women during the industrial growth of Japan is presented by the president of Miyagi college in Japan. It is simply told and of great interest, indeed.

**Gardner, Helen.** Art through the ages; an introduction to its history and significance. Harcourt, 1926, 4.00. 709

"Follows a chronological order by countries. . . Chapter summaries, bibliographies and many illustrations make it a useful study guide."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

**Graham, Stephen.** Gentle art of tramping. Appleton, 1926, 2.50. 796

"With its chapters on Boots, The knapsack, Clothes, The companion, Books, Tobacco, Maps, this is a book to rejoice the heart of every hiker."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

**Carnegie Library School Association.** Mother's Day in poetry. Wilson, 1926, .60. 821.8

**Carnegie Library School Association.** Washington and Lincoln in poetry. Wilson, 1927, .60. 821.8

These two anthologies, in paper covers, prove most useful to librarians who are called on to furnish material for school use.

**Hall, James Norman.** On the stream of travel. Houghton, 1926, 3.00. 910

"An example of the true traveler's ability to look upon trivial happenings of life with unaccustomed eyes."—Booklist. The South Sea Islands are the scene of most of Mr. Hall's observations.

**Morrill, Samuel.** Lanterns, junks and jade. Stokes, 1926, 2.50. 915

This fascinating account of Chinese customs and manners appears in the International Mind Alcove as an important contribution to international understanding.

**Younghusband, Sir Francis Edward.** Epic of Mount Everest. Longmans, 1926, 3.00. 915

Here is combined "into a single narrative the thrilling material contrived in the three



first-hand accounts of heroic attempt at a feat still unaccomplished."—Book Review Digest.

**Vandercook, John W.** "Tom-Tom." Harper, 1926, 3.50. 918

"A description of a strange Negro civilization in the jungles of Dutch Guiana, founded by the descendants of an old slave regime. An interesting study of jungle psychology."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

**Pepys, Samuel.** Everybody's Pepys; the diary of Samuel Pepys, 1660-1669. Harcourt, 1926, 3.50. 921

An abridgment of the famous diary with the inimitable illustrations of E. H. Shepard.

#### Fiction

**Chase, Daniel.** Hardy rye. Bobbs, 1926, 2.50

A distinctly worthwhile novel for those readers who appreciate a serious study of family life, in this case, four generations of New Englanders who make their living from the soil.

**Ertz, Susan.** Wind of complication. Appleton, 1927, 2.00.

A collection of short stories told in the usual Susan Ertz way—pleasing, humorous and charming.

**James, Will.** Smoky, the cowhorse. Scribner, 1926, 2.50.

"A cowboy, one who 'knows his riggin,' tells the life story of a marvelous mouse-colored pony. . . . The text, which is in the vernacular of the cowboy, together with the artist's fine drawings, creates a splendid picture of life on the range, ranch, rodeo and desert."—Booklist.

**Miller, Agnes.** Colfax book-plate. Century, 1926, 2.00.

This is an exceptionally good mystery story, laid in a bookshop and concerned with rare books and booksales.

**Parrish, Anne.** Tomorrow morning. Harper, 1926, 2.00.

A mother-and-son story related with Anne Parrish's attention to detail. "Has many of the qualities of The Perennial Bachelor, but is less incisive and less bitter."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

**Parrish, Dillwyn.** Smith everlasting. Harper, 1926, 2.00.

The brother of Anne Parrish has written an amusing story of a commonplace family—the everlasting Smiths.

**Richardson, Anthony.** High silver. Dodd, 1926, 2.00.

"A fine, strong story, skillfully handled" contrasting a cynical, worldly grandfather and his grandson, who is impulsive, idealistic.

**Tarkington, Booth.** The plutocrat. Doubleday, 1927, 2.00.

Another of Tarkington's entertaining stories, this time about an American "go-getter" abroad with his family.

**Walpole, Hugh.** Harmer John; an unworldly story. Doran, 1926, 2.00.

"The story of how Harmer John, a foreign idealist, comes to live in Polchester, the scene of The Cathedral."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

#### TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

Are Minnesota librarians making the best possible use of the various Reading with a Purpose courses? Mere purchase of each course as it comes out is not enough—personal effort must be made to place each of the series in the hands of those people in the community who will

be interested and who will in turn advertise them to their friends.

American Library Association headquarters reports that more than 233,000 copies have been sold. These have been sent not only to libraries, but to bookstores, individuals, Y. M. C. A's., Parent-Teacher Associations and women's clubs. One librarian discovered that a patron of her library and her friend used twelve copies of one course as Christmas cards. One large public library uses the courses as subjects of monthly book talks. The Seattle Public Library has spent \$2,000 for books recommended in the series.

Several new courses have been planned, two based on historical fiction (one of them to be written by William Stearns Davis of the University of Minnesota) and two on biography. There will also be courses on international relations, world's religions, American fiction, the theater and other topics of popular interest. In the first half of 1927 we may expect booklets on Mental hygiene, Citizenship, Sculpture, Modern drama and Economics.

The four most recent courses we have received are Americans from abroad by J. P. Gavit, Pleasure from pictures by H. T. Bailey, Europe of our day by H. A. Gibbons, and Architecture by Lewis Mumford. As we have said before, the Traveling Library has all of the courses and all of the recommended books. Use them freely for your patrons.

Librarians may appreciate the following advertising suggestions, which have been reported to the American Library Association:

From one library a brief notice about the series is sent to the Board of Education to be rolled up in the diploma of each high school graduate.

Another library pastes a notice in all copies of the recommended books, stating that it is one of the books recommended by . . . in his reading course . . . , which is available at the library.

A few other suggestions are to provide a special table, case or shelf on which the courses can be displayed with the recommended books, to write the call number opposite the title of each book in the list of additional titles at the end of each course, to give talks about the courses to women's clubs, Rotary and other men's organizations, etc., to send special notices to groups which would be interested in particular courses, to reserve the books for readers who are following the courses, and to otherwise advertise the series by exhibits, talks, and newspaper notices.

The Traveling Library has received the following titles, added to the International Mind Alcove, which was described in the December number of Library Notes and News:

**Faust, Allen K.** The new Japanese womanhood.

**Morrill, Samuel.** Lanterns, junks and jade.



**Thompson, Wallace.** Rainbow countries in Central America.

**Peattie, Donald Culross.** Cargoes and harvests.

A splendid contribution to the promotion of understanding on the part of our children for their friends in foreign lands is the International Mind Alcove formed of juvenile titles. Valuable lessons may be taught by librarians who will take the time to explain to their small borrowers the purpose of this group of books and to encourage them to look on these stories as an effort to develop sympathy and understanding among nations. The first group of books includes:

**Perkins, Lucy Fitch.** Dutch twins.

**Spyri, Johanna.** Heidi.

**Rowe, Dorothy.** Rabbit lantern.

**Baroness des Chesnez.** Lady Green Satin and her maid Rosette.

**Sugimoto, Etsu Inagaki and Austen, Nancy Virginia.** With Taro and Hano in Japan.

**Snell, Roy Judson.** The dinner that was always there.

**De la Ramee, Louise.** Dog of Flanders.

**Morley, Margaret Warner.** Donkey John of Toy Valley.

The libraries at Anoka, Crookston, Fairmont, Red Wing, St. Paul, Spring Grove, Stillwater and Thief River Falls are now receiving these Alcoves. On the waiting list have been placed Duluth, Taylors Falls, Lake City, Beardsley, St. Cloud, Pine Island, Buhl and Graceville.

The report of the Traveling Library for January to December 1926 shows that 542 requests for traveling library collections were answered by shipping out 16,879 books. There were 69 requests from clubs which were aided by 783 outlines for their year's activities and some 700 books. Over 6,000 requests came by mail for reference material. 7,000 books and nearly 12,000 articles, pamphlets and clippings were mailed by parcel post to all parts of the state.

Please feel free to borrow from the Traveling Library the books suggested for purchase, book maps, International Mind Alcove titles, reading lists, library aids, pictures, foreign books, traveling library collections and Reading with a Purpose books.

Following are some of the new books added to our open shelf collection:

#### FICTION

**Erskine, John.** Galahad.

**Lord, Frank.** Light fingers. Mr. Lord is a Minnesota author.

**Miss Tiverton** goes out.

**Ostenso, Martha.** Dark dawn.

#### NON-FICTION

**Benton, Alva Hartley.** Marketing of farm products.

**Bottomley, Myrl E.** Design of small properties.

**Bradford, Gamaliel.** Darwin.

**Dowd, Jerome.** Negro in American life.

**Fisher, Irving.** Prohibition at its worst.

**Goddard, E. H. and Gibbons, P. A.** Civilization or civilizations.

**Groves, Ernest Rutherford.** Drifting home.

**Guttersen, Alma A.** Norse-American women.

**Henry, W. H. F. and Seeley, Levi.** How to organize and conduct a meeting.

**Ionides, Basil.** Color and interior decoration.

**Jennings, Arthur J.** Complete home landscape.

**Kennedy, William Dorsey.** Free-lance writer's handbook.

**Laut, Agnes Christina.** Blazed trail of the old frontier.

**Lutz, Edwin George.** Practical pictorial composition.

**Martin, Everett Dean.** Meaning of a liberal education.

**Osgood, Henry Osborne.** So this is jazz.

**Ramsaye, Terry.** Million and one nights. 2 v. A history of the moving picture industry.

**Robson, Vivian E.** Student's textbook of astrology.

**Smith, Joseph Russell.** North America.

**Somervell, David Churchill.** Disraeli and Gladstone.

**Taylor, Edward Wyllys.** Psychotherapy.

**Terman, Lewis Madison.** Intelligence of school children.

**Tomkins, William.** Indian sign language.

**Wascher, A. E. and Ingham, T. C.** Who's who in music and dramatic art in the Twin Cities.

**White, Edward Albert.** Principles of flower arrangement.

Many of these books librarians will have only occasional demands for, which may be met by borrowing from the Traveling Library.

MILDRED L. METHVEN.

#### TRAVELING LIBRARY EXHIBIT

at

#### FARMERS' SHORT COURSE

The Traveling Library exhibit during the Farmers' Short Course at the University Farm proved even more successful this year than the exhibit of last winter. The former display space was used again, that in the hall just outside the library, which is in the Administration Building. The same generous assistance from Miss Sewall and her staff made the arrangement of the display an easy matter. Two of the new book maps, together with attractive Book Week posters and others on either side of

a large poster featuring "Friendly Books for a Winter's Night," formed the background.

Books from the open shelf collection representing the Reading with a Purpose courses, books for farmers and homemakers, titles from the book maps and books for children in generous numbers, were displayed on a "two-level" table. Such an arrangement nearly doubles the number of books which may be shown to advantage, by lifting half of them above the rest and making their titles easily read.

Across the hall, the traveling library collections were featured, as well as the pictures of the Hennepin County library service. On each of the tables were placed liberal quantities of book lists, Traveling Library literature, the Country Bookshelf and copies of the new leaflet on Rural Public Library Service as well as the new Fifty Books for Farmers list.

Among the interesting people who borrowed books from our exhibit were a grandfather who wanted to read nature-study books to his grandchildren, a mother caring for her son's beehives while he was teaching in the winter, a family in which the mother was especially interested in her children's reading and the father in dairying and agricultural chemistry, a member of a mother's club taking up child study for its winter's work, a minister wishing to find attractive nature books, a farmer who was eager to find books to help him interest his son in the farm as a career, a woman about to move to a small town who was anxious to keep up her study in musical appreciation, a county club leader, a young man fascinated by the Pleasure from Pictures course and numerous students and faculty members, many of whom were making lists of books to read and buy.

The exhibit this year seemed especially worthwhile and served to introduce our traveling library service to many new friends and to renew acquaintance with old ones. The Director of the Short Course has asked that this display become an annual affair and we hope to make our exhibit more interesting each year. Librarians anywhere in the state who have an opportunity to exhibit their local library resources at county Short Courses, will find it very much worth their while to do so.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

##### Ester Granville Perkins

The tragic death of Mrs. Claude C. Perkins, librarian of the school and public library at Pine Island, was a severe loss to the librarians of Minnesota. She died on January 23rd of burns received in a gasoline explosion the previous day.

Mrs. Perkins was a dynamic personality, warm-hearted, sympathetic, full of enthusiasm and imbued with the library spirit to a marked degree. She had been librarian

of the Pine Island Public Library since its opening in February 1918 and had made for herself a large place in the community. She was instrumental in bringing about a system of cooperation with the schools which was unusually complete and successful. She gave herself without reserve to the needs of the public and one was strongly impressed with the feeling that every individual member of the large audience attending her funeral had felt her influence and sincerely mourned her as a friend. Her daughter Claudia, 15 years old, has gone to Chicago to make her home with her uncle. The library board passed the following resolutions—

WHEREAS our Divine Father has, in his infinite wisdom, seen fit to remove from her sphere of earthly associations our beloved and talented librarian, Ester G. Perkins, we deem it fitting and proper that we, the Library Board of the Van Horn Public Library of Pine Island, at this time express, in some small degree, our appreciation of the immeasurable service that she has rendered to this community.

Be it Therefore Resolved That we fully realize that the fact that the Van Horn Public Library of Pine Island is recognized as the most successful and practical library in the State of Minnesota is due to the fact that Mrs. Perkins has been in charge of the institution since its inception and that she has put into her work not only unlimited energy, enthusiasm, and intelligence, but that her human sympathy and innate desire to be helpful to all those with whom she came in contact have been of incalculable value.

Her influence has been felt in all departments of the community life and has extended throughout the state of Minnesota.

We venture the assertion that there is no citizen of this community whose influence has been greater for good in every department of community life, whether domestic, religious, civic or social, or whose services will be more sorely missed.

No other person who has lived in Pine Island has done more to raise the moral and intellectual tone of the community than has Mrs. Perkins.

Her family and relatives will always have the satisfaction of knowing that the entire community grieves with them over the seemingly untimely removal in the height of her usefulness of this beloved woman and we feel confident that in the realms beyond to which she has gone her reward will be commensurate with her services here, and that the results of her work here among us will last thru many generations yet to come.

Be it Further Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be given to her daughter, Claudia Perkins, a copy given to the press for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Pine Island, Minnesota, January 24, 1927.

### Marion Wakely

In the death of Marion Wakely, on January 2nd, 1927, the Twin City Catalogers' Round Table has lost a faithful member and friend, one whose kindly and cheerful presence we shall long miss.

Miss Wakely was for more than thirteen years cataloger in the Library of the Agricultural College of the University of Minnesota. One of her associates writes: "Whatever the library has been able to do for students and faculty during that time has been largely due to the never-ending devotion with which she did her part, quietly, behind the scenes. She got things done in spite of all kinds of difficulties and did everything well. Her careful, accurate work of every kind will be a standard for years to come that will be hard to meet."

"The finest thing about her was her personal charm. Whatever happened she was never down-hearted. She was always full of cheer and encouragement, always ready with words calculated to bring smiles to others, delightful with unexpected bits of wit and turns of expression. The library is dull without her."

The members of the Twin City Catalogers' Round Table wish to express their sorrow at the loss of their friend, and to extend their sympathy to Miss Wakely's family and to her fellow-workers in the library.

#### —TWIN CITY CATALOGERS' ROUND TABLE.

Evangeline Robinson, High School Librarian at Winona, died during the Christmas holidays, after a brief illness. In her quiet way she served the school faithfully. She was always ready to cooperate with the public librarians and will be greatly missed by her associates.

Mrs. D. E. Halbert, who resigned as librarian at Luverne in 1923 on account of failing health, died at her home in Luverne in September.

### LIBRARIANS

Hazel Laing, librarian of the South Hibbing Branch, resigned the last of the year to become librarian of the public library at Marinette, Wisconsin.

Mary Radford has become librarian of the South Hibbing Branch.

Sigma Niemi, formerly children's librarian at Eveleth, has been appointed children's librarian at South Hibbing.

Martha Hays, cataloger, Virginia Public Library, has been appointed librarian, Public Library, at Hinsdale, Illinois.

Helen Stratte, formerly school librarian at Biwabik, has been temporarily appointed to succeed Miss Hays.

Gladys Ecklund, of St. Peter, Minn., formerly assistant in the Des Moines Public Library, has been appointed children's librarian at Eveleth.

Ellen B. Lawin, assistant librarian at International Falls, resigned her position and returned to the Branch Division of the

St. Paul Public Library the first of February.

Lolita Newman of Stillwater, Illinois Library School, 1925, who has been assistant in the Davenport Public Library, has accepted a position in the East Lake Branch, Minneapolis.

Leila Stickles, Western Reserve, 1926, who has been in her home at Red Wing on account of illness, will begin work in the public library, March 1st, on part time.

Catherine Sherman, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is doing the hospital library work in Rochester.

Esther Morris resigned her position as school librarian at Mankato to accept a position in the Naval Hospital Library at Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Harriet Van Buren Dugan, formerly librarian of the Mankato Public Library, is acting as school librarian at Mankato until the end of the year.

Elizabeth M. Smith, of Minneapolis, is acting as school librarian at Winona.

### NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

NOTE—Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. These should be real news items, indicating some progress, or new plan which may be suggestive to other libraries. Notes should be sent to the Director of Libraries by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.

**Akeley**—The public library is located in the High School under the management of the Study Club. It is open Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 5, and Tuesday noon to accommodate pupils who come in from the country.

**Austin**—The library has been giving mail service to many rural patrons during the winter. These borrowers pay a fee of 25 cents for three months. The library now has 5,840 borrowers and a total of 5,494 books were issued in the month of January, a gain of more than 1,000 over last year.

**Biwabik**—The village council made an appropriation for the purchase of adult fiction for the school and community library.

**Blackduck**—An open meeting was held at the library on the evening of January 24th, when Miss Baldwin gave a talk on The Library and the Community. In the afternoon members of the Tri Sigma Club and library board were entertained at the home of the president of the board.

The library building has recently been enlarged and the village has taken over its support, levying a two-mill tax.

**Blooming Prairie**—The Blooming Prairie Library Association has donated \$50 for the purchase of children's books. The Association plans to raise funds by a series of entertainments. The library is located in the High School and is also a branch of the Steele County Library.

**Crosby**—A new steel ceiling has been put in the library room.



The interest in Children's Book Week was greater than ever before. Eight prizes were awarded in the essay contest.

**Duluth**—At the request of the Head of the Lakes Radio Station WEBC, the Duluth Public Library has given, for several months, a weekly library program in the afternoon and twice a week a children's program of story hours in the evenings. The story hour programs have been given by Miss Ruth Peters, Supervisor of Children's Work and Miss Luella Hanson. The other programs have been given by Miss Moore, the Librarian, and various members of the staff. The afternoon programs usually consist of book-reviews and have also included some general talks on library service such as "A Day in the Reference Department," "Behind the Scenes at the Public Library" and "Ask the Library."

The circulation for the year 1926 totaled 490,633, a gain of 32,187 over 1925.

Plans are being made for \$40,000 addition to the Main Library and the architect has also been secured for a new branch library in Woodland.

**Edgerton**—The Runals Memorial Library is located in a basement room, with separate entrance, in the Community building, opened in 1924. The village council has appointed a library board and levied a half-mill tax for its support.

**Eveleth**—The annual report of the library gives a total of 3,330 active borrowers, of whom 712 are from outlying mining locations and nearby farming communities.

**Glenwood**—A very successful Children's Book Week was sponsored by the Woman's Civic Club. A live committee was appointed, which enlisted the cooperation of pastors, newspapers, movie theatre, merchants and book dealers. A story hour was arranged for every afternoon at the public library and there were book exhibits and a book title contest. Annotated book-lists were sold at ten cents a copy, and others distributed free. A club program was given at the library and the outstanding event of the week was an entertainment given by the school children, at which each grade was represented in colorful costumes, some depicting nursery rhymes, book titles or favorite characters, other presenting songs, tableaux and dances. The High School orchestra furnished the music. A small admission fee was charged which netted \$50 for new books.

The Library Board gave a silver tea in the reading room on February 16, realizing about \$50. The Glenwood Civic Club recently gave the Library \$50 for children's books. The crowded condition of the shelves has made necessary the purchase of three new cases at a cost of \$226. A rental shelf of some twenty books has recently been established.

**Grand Rapids**—The library was closed during the Christmas holidays, when new electrical fixtures were installed, and some

new wiring added. The tops of the desks and tables were refinished and some of the bookcases were rearranged.

**Granite Falls**—Owing to the increasing circulation, it has been decided to open the library three days a week. Gifts of \$25 from the W. C. T. U. for children's books and \$13 from the Womens Club have been received.

**LeSueur**—A committee was appointed to solicit contributions for furnishing the new library rooms in the City Hall. Various organizations and individuals have responded and rugs for the floor, tables and chairs for adults and children have been provided.

**Madison**—The roof of the building has been re-covered, at a cost of \$250. During the coming summer the board plans to have the interior re-decorated.

The Madison Study Club served tea in the library rooms November 13th and made \$41.30 to be spent for children's books.

**Marshall**—A recent improvement at the library is a reading table for small children. New shelving has been added in the reading room.

**Minneapolis**—Roosevelt Branch Library, 4026 28th Avenue South, opened its doors to the public on Tuesday morning, February 15th. There were 2,700 visitors during its first day, and a circulation of 1,100 volumes.

The formal opening was held at 7:30 P. M. on Monday evening, February 14 with Mr. Edward C. Gale, a member of the Library Board, presiding. Mr. Gale spoke briefly, stating the cost of the Branch, and presenting the Branch to the community. The response for the community was made by Mr. J. E. Klingen, President of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Roosevelt High School. Mr. Philip E. Carlson, principal of Roosevelt High School, spoke briefly of the value of the library to the school, and Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian, spoke of the value of the library to the community, and introduced Mrs. A. N. Whiting, Librarian of the Branch, to the community. Mr. C. V. Smith, a member of the Library Board, made a short address telling something of the circulation during the past year, and urging the use of the Library. Mr. T. B. Walker, President of the Library Board, told of his long connection with the Public Library and his aspirations to see the library extended throughout the city. After the formal program, the audience had an opportunity to look through the Branch.

"Sumner Library has its longed-for addition in a new wing just completed to match the rest of the building. The children's room had been moved to the basement some years ago in a room designed for a small auditorium. It was dark and unsuitable.

The new wing contains a large sunshiny room for the older children with benches and sloping tables, with low book-cases and a built-in lavatory. It opens with an



arched doorway into the main room. There is also an arched doorway into a room for tiny children, containing low benches, a big round table and low cases. It now remains to develop the manifold possibilities for children's work in the locality.

The abandoned children's room in the basement is again a club room and is already in demand for Americanization classes, neighborhood clubs, Boy Scouts, and other features so necessary in a community."—Community Bookshelf.

A new station was opened in the John Burroughs school and a new branch in Franklin Junior High School about March 1st.

In October (1926), the staff of the Minneapolis Public Library organized an association devoted to the professional and social interests of its members. This association offers an opportunity for good fellowship and closer acquaintance among its members.

The organization issues a four page publication known as "Staff Stuff." The object of this is to give bits of information of professional interest, to relate personal happenings and to inform the staff of what is going on through-out the system.

Two very successful social functions have been given. The first was a Christmas party and the second a dance and bridge party.

**Owatonna**—Seven patrons of the library have adopted Reading with a Purpose courses outlined by the American Library Association and a special one on Law prepared by the library. Of the following subjects, the first and second are in the hands of rural residents; English literature; Frontiers of knowledge; Some great American books; Ten pivotal figures of history; Americans from abroad (2); Psychology.

A complete list of Owatonna families was secured from the city clerk's mailing list. These names are being checked with the registration files to ascertain what homes are not being reached by the library.

The work of reclassifying from Cutter to Dewey is progressing. All is done now except the 900's.

On checking up the library reports for the names of the young people who have taken library work within the last six and a half years, some interesting figures are revealed. Excluding the five young women who did required practice work preparatory to entering the Library School of the University of Wisconsin, and the High School graduate who was serving as assistant when the apprentice course was adopted, twenty-one girls and one boy have taken the course for High School credit. Of these five have helped or are helping to work their way through college by serving in the college library, seven have held positions as assistants in the Owatonna Public Library, and six others have served, from time to time, as paid substitutes.

This co-operation between the High School and the Library is gratifying to the Library as it equips assistants from "home talent."

**Paynesville**—A public meeting was held in the library on the evening of February 15. A playlet "The Good Book Fairy" was presented by a group of small children, and Miss Baldwin, of the Library Division, spoke on The Library and the Community. Tea and wafers were served by the library board at the close of the program. Miss Baldwin also spoke at an open meeting of the Book Lovers Club in the afternoon. Beginning with Children's Book Week, the Book Lovers Club sponsored a reading contest in the grades which continued until January.

A new charging desk and chair have been added to the library room.

**Pine City**—The annual drive held in October netted the library fund \$180, donated by individuals, lodges and clubs. Six teams of two people each canvassed the town.

Children's Book Week was observed by a story telling hour, and prizes given for the best poster, essay and costume representing characters from books. Over sixty children attended. The new books were on display in a window.

**Pine River**—The library board received a gift of \$35 from Mrs. Hartzell, of Minneapolis, to be spent for adult fiction.

**Red Wing**—An exhibit of Medicine prints, sponsored by The Art History Club, was held in the children's room of the public library for three weeks beginning the last of January. Pupils of all the schools in the city were invited on special days, when members of the club explained the pictures, and all the women's clubs were guests on February 9th.

**Rochester**—The public library has just completed its 60th year since its organization as a subscription library, 30 years in its present building. Library service is now provided in all the city schools with the exception of Central, as well as in the Trinity Lutheran School. The children's librarian makes a trip to each public school one afternoon a week and issues the books. At Trinity school one of the older girls acts as librarian.

**St. Cloud**—Work with the children is being developed through the weekly story hour and visits to the schools on the part of the librarian. It is estimated that from 60 to 80 per cent of the pupils in the grammar grades have cards.

**St. Paul**—The Saint Paul Education Association has generously donated \$171.00 to the Public Library for the purchase of books.

The fifth monthly evening book meeting of the St. Paul Public Library was held February 7, in the exhibition room. Prof. H. C. Archerd, professor of Spanish at Hamline University, spoke on various as-

pects of Peru, where he lived for many years.

The sixth monthly book evening will be held March 21. Mrs. C. A. Bucklin will read "Caponsacchi," Walter Hampden's new play.

On February 17, Mr. Arthur E. Christy, of the University of Minnesota gave an address on Chinese Literature," before the Advanced Apprentice Class, members of the Staff, and their friends.

On the evening of January 5th Miss Harriet Wood spoke to the high school librarians, members of the School Division staff and a few others on the Library Institute for teachers of Library Science, which was conducted under the direction of Dr. Charters of the University of Chicago and which she had attended in the summer.

**St. Peter**—Good Book Week was observed the week after Thanksgiving with talks in all the schools throughout the week, closing with a program at the library Friday evening. High School students sang Christmas carols outside the building early in the evening and the program consisted of a talk on the financial condition of the library by Mrs. J. A. Poetz, an address on the value of good books by Dr. E. C. Carlton and a talk by Miss Baldwin, of the Library Division, who stressed the importance of following up Book Week by furnishing an adequate supply of books for children of all grades.

A new system of registration and charging was installed the first of the year.

**South St. Paul**—The corner stone of the American Legion Memorial Library, South Saint Paul was laid Tuesday February 22nd. The Library Commission was assisted in the services by Abner Rude Post American Legion, the Mayor and the City Council of South Saint Paul and representatives of the County Commissioners of Dakota County. It is hoped that the building may be completed so that the dedication may take place on Memorial day.

The building is to be New England Colonial in type, built of brick with Bedford stone trim. It will be 40 by 80 feet, with reading and reference rooms and children's room on the main floor, and community and staff rooms in the basement.

**Stillwater**—An interesting account of the history and work of the public library, by Alice R. Murdock, one of the library directors, appeared in a recent issue of a Stillwater paper. The library was established by vote 30 years ago, taking over the property of the former Library Association established in 1869. The mayor appointed a board of nine women, which was such a shock to the community that it was some time before the council could be induced to approve his appointments. This precedent has been continued, the board being the only one in the state so constituted. The library was one of the first in the state to serve the county.

**Thief River Falls**—On the afternoon be-

fore Christmas an entertainment was given for the children. There was a festive Christmas tree and "Why the chimes rang" was presented.

**Warren**—The Warren Public Library, opened in November 1920, is maintained entirely by generous appropriations from the various organizations of the city—such as the "Mother's Club," "Girls' Community Club," "Warren Woman's Club," City Council and students of the Public School.

There are approximately one thousand volumes on the shelves, also nine periodicals and one daily newspaper. Two hundred or more books circulate each month.

Publicity is carried on through the medium of the two weekly newspapers, the staff of which kindly offers space free of charge.

In observance of "Good Book Week" an artistic display of books and decorative posters was arranged in a show window of one of the local stores. This created no little interest and proved a splendid and effective means of reaching the public.

Book covers mounted upon a strip of burlap and posters upon which are printed a list of the books most recently received are displayed in the library.

**Wheaton**—The study club has arranged to give some home talent production for the benefit of the library and hopes to cooperate with the school board in opening the library to the public.

**Worthington**—Miss Methven, of the Library Division, spent several days with Mrs. Kraft revising the book collection at the Carnegie Library, and making a shelf list. A joint meeting at the library of the library board and city council gave an opportunity to present the needs of the library in a graphic way. Cooperation with the schools when purchasing books for the children and an enlarged book fund are to contribute to the future growth of the library and its service to the public.

## THE MODEL TOWN LIBRARY

### Has

Income of \$1.00 per capita (minimum)  
Circulation of 5 books per capita  
One assistant for every 20,000 books circulated

### Expends

50 % of its income for salaries  
25 % for books and periodicals  
10 % for binding and supplies  
15 % for maintenance

### Offers

Trained service  
Carefully selected books  
Extension service through branches and deposits  
Cooperation with schools, clubs and all other community interests  
Is Yours a Model Town Library?

—Poster prepared for the Model Town Exposition, Boston, by the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

### BUDGETING THE BOOK FUND

What are your needs? What could you indulge in, if necessities were covered? Which books? How many copies? Do you need books for primary, intermediate, junior high school home reading? Can you afford an expensive reference set? Making a budget for book needs is one of the most important and crucial duties of the librarian.

"Investigate before investing," the advice given by a banker in a recent radio talk is good practice in libraries. The standard lists such as the Standard Catalog for High School Libraries, the Children's Catalog, the American Library Association Catalogs, the State Lists for High School and Grade give information upon the best books for purchase. The reference librarians of public libraries and the State Library Division will furnish advice upon request.

### A. L. A. MEMBERSHIP

The A. L. A. is planning to issue a volume on school library work which will come out yearly. This will include a list of the school librarians who are members of the A. L. A.

The School Librarians Section of the A. L. A. is securing members. Miss Elizabeth Scripture, John Marshall High School, Minneapolis, is chairman of the local committee of the section. Great plans for the development of school library work are being made by numerous committees.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Certificates and indorsements have been issued to or may be secured by the following librarians who are doing full-time or part-time school library work so far as our records show. It is hoped that others who are qualified will apply at once in order that the list may be complete.

#### Key to Abbreviations

No mark means full-time school librarian.  
T. L. for teacher-librarian.  
P & S. for public and school librarian.  
S. L. for secretary-librarian.

Town	Librarian
Ada	Blanche Olson, S. L.
Albert Lea	Alice Stearns
Annandale	Ruth Burkland, T. L.
Anoka	Lillian E. Olson, T. L.
Aurora	Bernadette Gormley
Austin	Eloise Truesdell, S. L.
Biwabik	Hazel Roche, S. & P.
Buhl	Blanche A. Aust
Chatfield	Annette Johnson, P. & S.
Chisholm	
Sr. High	Dorothy Cornwell
Jr. High	Winifred Stephens, T. L.
Cloquet	Maud Grogan, P. & S.

Coleraine	Constance Logue
Delano	Mrs. Marie Evans, T. L.
Duluth	
Central	Helen Perry
Washington Junior	Mollie Astell
Ely	Faye Collicott
Eveleth	
Head	Mabel Lyon
Sr. High	Marion Witter
Fairmont	Agnes Serle, P. & S.
	Claire Winzenberg, T. L.
	Marie Kennedy, T. L.
Faribault	Florence D. Love, P. & S.
	Beulah Larson
Fergus Falls	Amy Lewis, P. & S.
	Selma Hogenston, T. L.
Fertile	Bernice M. Ensberg, T. L.
Gilbert	Inez Erickson, S. L.
Glenwood	Mrs. Cassa B. Selnes, P. & S.
Hallock	Alberta Sommer, T. L.
Hastings	Stella Telford, P. & S.
Hibbing	Head-Beatryce A. Finn
Sr. High Ass't.	Helen Arper
Sr. High Ass't.	Margaret Briggs
Lincoln Jr. High Ass't.	Fay Cuzner
Elementary Ass't.	Selma Patconak
Hopkins	Beryl Anderson
Houston	Ingrid Julsrud, T. L.
Hutchinson	Doris G. Taylor, T. L.
International Falls	Winnie Foster, P. & S.
and Koochiching Co.	*Ellen Lawin
Ivanhoe	Christine Ludenia, T. L.
Keewatin	Clara Marsh
LeSueur	Neville Alfken, T. L.
Little Falls	Jean G. Smith, T. L.
Madison	Mrs. H. L. Borgendale, P. & S.
Mankato	*Esther Morris
	(Mrs. Harriet V. Dugan, Sub.)
Meadowlands	Mary J. Sommer, T. L.
Milroy	Ora M. Rowell, T. L.

#### Minneapolis

Public Library	
School Dept. Head	Mary Tawney
Classroom lib. ass't.	Mable Bartleson
General ass't.	Rachel Angvick
General ass't.	Evelyn Osborn
Elementary School Library Stations	
Bremer	Mrs. Lilla E. Haas
Schiller	Winifred White
Branch Dept.	
Junior High Schools	
Bryant	Celia Frost
Ass't.	Nyria Gile
Franklin	Ruth Upton
Jordan	Harriet Clark, P. & S.
Jefferson	Beatrice Wightmar
Lincoln	Marion Crosby, P. & S.
Seward	*Olea Solheim, P. & S.
Hennepin County	
Dept. Head	Ethel Berry, P. & S.
Mound	Mrs. J. E. White
St. Louis Pk.	Mrs. Thomas Johnson
Board of Education	
High Schools	
Central	Margaret Greer
	Ass't. Jeannette Brice

\*Resigned

Mpls. cont.	
Edison.....	Rhea Gibson
Marshall.....	Elizabeth Scripture
North.....	Thyrza McClure
Roosevelt.....	Augusta Bjeldanes
South.....	Lois Davidson
Washburn.....	Margaret Brown
West.....	Clara B. Leet
Univ. of Minnesota	
College of Education	
Univ. H. S.....	Alma Penrose
Montevideo.....	Mabel Hanning, P. & T. L.
Moorhead.....	Caroline Branae, T. L.
Morris.....	Agnes Torpey, P. & S.
Mound—See Mpls. Hennepin Co. Dept.	
Mountain Iron.....	Anne Studnicka
Nashwauk.....	Ruth Weeding, S. & P.
New Ulm.....	Erna Holzinger, S. & P.
Northfield.....	Nina Stewart, T. L.
Ortonville.....	Hester Clark, P. & S.
Owatonna and	
Steele County.....	Maud van Buren, P. & S.
High School.....	Elizabeth Schmidt
Pine Island.....	**Mrs. Claude Perkins
Princeton.....	Mrs. Lulu Owens, P. & S.
Proctor.....	Eliza Remfrey, T. L.
Red Wing.....	Grace Meyer, P. & S.
	Mrs. Amanda Anderson
Redwood Falls.....	Marie Tolzman, P. & S.
Rochester.....	Margaret Hickman, P. & S.
	Marion Baker
St. Cloud.....	Mrs. Ethelyn Harrison
St. Louis Park	
	See Mpls. Hennepin Co. Dept.
St. Paul	
Public Library School Division	
Head.....	Elizabeth Robinson
Ass't.....	Ada Hagen
Ass't.....	Elsie L. Baker
Ass't.....	Adelaide Apfeld
Ramsey County	
Dept. Head.....	Myra Buell, P. & S.
Dept. of Education	
High Schools	
Central.....	Laurie Johnson
Ass't.....	Martha Buist
Humboldt.....	Margaret McCandless
Johnson.....	Mary Leonard
Mechanic Arts.....	Mrs. Nettie Dugas
Washington.....	Blanche Spooner
Junior High Schools	
Marshall.....	Phyllis Bastin, S. L.
Monroe.....	Anna Guthormsen, T. L.
Roosevelt.....	Florence Vest, T. L.
Sauk Center.....	Eva M. Davis, P. & S.
Sauk Rapids.....	Marie Scheie, T. L.
Sherburn.....	Eunice L. Hummel, T. L.
Slayton.....	Mrs. Alice M. Grass, T. L.
Sleepy Eye.....	Beatrice Bjeldanes, T. L.
South St. Paul.....	Beda Erickson
Thief River Falls.....	Minnie Leavitt, T. L.
Two Harbors.....	Ethel Sauer
Tyler.....	Elizabeth Robinson, T. L.
Virginia.....	Grace Stevens, P. & S.
Wahkon.....	Mildred Swennes, T. L.
Wadena.....	Jean Stewart, P. & S.
Waseca.....	Ruth Labbitt, T. L. & P.
Wayzata.....	Myrtle E. Johnson, T. L.
White Bear.....	Elizabeth Singleton, S. L.
Willmar.....	Amy Hanscom, P. & S.
**Deceased	

Winona.....	**Evangeline Robinson (Elizabeth Smith, Sub.)
Worthington.....	Stella Anderson, S. L.
Zumbrota.....	Nora Koehler, P. & S.

#### LIBRARY TRAINING IN MINNESOTA Bemidji State Teachers College

The course in School Library Administration is offered only during the summer session. It is a one credit course, meeting two hours daily, one hour for recitation or lecture and one hour for supervised practice. The course is planned with rural school libraries in mind, but is broad enough to be helpful to any teacher who has charge of a school library. Miss Wilson's School Library Management, and the State list of books for elementary schools are used as a basis for the course. One quarter credit is given.

For each hour listed here one hour of supervised practice is required in addition to the time spent in reading and other preparation of daily lessons.

	Hours
Planning & equipment.....	1
Mending & care of books.....	5
Book selection.....	5
Ordering.....	1
Accession & shelf-list.....	2
Classification & arrangement of books.....	5
Charging systems, inventory.....	1
Reference books, catalog, periodicals.....	4
Care of clippings & pictures.....	1
Work of the State Library Division.....	1

HELEN E. FARR.

#### Moorhead State Teachers College

An elective course in Library Economy was given during the winter term in the Moorhead Teachers College. There were eight students in the class, two seniors and six sophomores.

The first half of the term was devoted to lectures, demonstrations and practice work in school library organization and management. The course was designed to prepare teachers for positions in which they will have part-time library work. In addition to the mechanical processes employed in organization and management, the course covered instruction and practice in book selection and library work with children. It also included careful instruction concerning state library aid, the service of the Library Division of the State Dept. of Education and the means for securing help through that service, and the use of book lists and other helps provided by the state.

The second half of the term was devoted to a study of general reference books, the card catalog, the Readers' Guide and periodical literature, government publications, etc., with problems covering their use, and with a final problem in bibliography.



Four of the students in this class are employed as student assistants on the college library staff. All will be available after graduation for teaching positions requiring part time library work.

SARAH HOUGHAM.

#### RANGE SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The officers of the Range School Librarians Club this year are Faye Collicott, Ely, president, and Selma Patconak, Hibbing, secretary. The club has held three meetings this year; in October in Virginia at the N. E. M. E. A., in January at Keewatin and in March at Biwabik.

The club has prepared a helpful statement upon illustrators for children's books and is now working upon library instruction for the grade schools. Grades one to three are complete. Conference and a pleasant luncheon together are features of the meetings. Mr. Philip Schweickhard, superintendent at Biwabik, gave an inspiring talk upon the work of the librarian.

#### TWIN CITY SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

##### Minneapolis School Librarians

The Minneapolis school librarians are having a series of dinner meetings at the Business Women's Club. They have met successively with the teachers of History, English and of Community Life Problems. Teachers as well as librarians have contributed to these very informal discussions.

##### St. Paul School Librarians

The student library assistants in the various high schools were the guests of the Mechanic Arts High School librarian. Miss Katharine Tschida spoke on libraries in Europe and some rare manuscripts she saw, and some of the interesting librarians she met. Mr. Webster Wheelock spoke on the opportunities in library work.

A meeting of the school librarians was held at the Central Library and Miss Wood spoke on the Library Institute at Chicago giving some of the points stressed there.

#### NEWS FROM SCHOOL LIBRARIES

(Items for this column are urgently requested from all school libraries and public libraries doing school work. Pass on your ideas).

**Anoka**—The school library at Anoka, though crowded, is well organized and well used. Books that are unsuitable are being weeded out. The magazines are bound and the use is exceptional.

**Aurora**—A grade library has been opened at Aurora. The grade supervisor acts as librarian. The children are very eagerly using the books.

**Bemidji State Teachers College**—Pictures of the children's corner of the Bemidji State Teachers College library were sent in by Miss Helen Farr, librarian. Each grade has its Saturday afternoon reading hour, but the children come to draw books or do reference work any time in the day when they have any free time. The teachers cooperate wonderfully, and one or two children are present most of the time.

**Benson**—The fund from the School Board has allowed the Public Library to add several new reference and home reading books for all grades selected from the State school library lists.

**Biwabik**—Classes from the grade school go to their library at regular intervals to enjoy a free reading period and to select books to take home.

**Blooming Prairie**—The Blooming Prairie school library contains over 2,000 books and many magazines and a daily newspaper. Any one can draw books, from 2 to 4:30 p. m. daily and on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9. This school library also gets books from the Owatonna Free Public Library which gives county wide service and from the state library.

**Buhl**—The school librarian has been devoting a great deal of time to instruction in the use of the library, taking over each English class for a period of two weeks and giving them practical problems in looking up material in books of the library. It has proved very helpful.

**Crookston**—The Crookston School library has acquired four hundred dollars worth of books. The principal from each grade and the head of each department aided in this selection. The World Book was included. More magazines have been added. The increased use of the reading room shows the appreciation of faculty and students. Instruction in the use of books is being given by the librarian in the Junior and Senior high schools. A shelf list is being made. The librarian reports the work very enjoyable and interesting.

**Duluth**—Under the direction of Miss Helen Ross, County Supervisor, rural school libraries in St. Louis Co. have been classified by the teachers.

**Elk River**—The following survey of the Elk River school library is reported in a local paper.

**Library**—Service improved considerably. The following are good: Shelving, tables, filing cabinet, accession book, charging system, condition of books, orderly arrangement. He thinks our library is improved considerably over last year. He commended us for the system of reference and reserve shelves which we are using in the high school. He expressed a need for grade library books. The use of the library by pupils and teachers is good.

**Ely**—The librarian at Ely divides her time so as to give a fair proportion to each grade. Regular library periods for the grades make the children's room a busy place.

**Fergus Falls**—The library instruction, a six weeks course, has now been given to every student in the Senior High School and to three fourths of the Junior High School. The pupils have learned the main divisions of the Dewey Decimal classification and the main subdivisions so that they know the library plan for the arrangement of books on the shelves. They know how to use the card catalog and Reader's Guide. They know the use of the yearbooks and other reference books, and like to find their own books and references to show the librarian that they can do it. This saves time for the librarian and pupil. A shelf list has been made of each library at three of the grade schools. New books have been ordered and two new sets of Keystone slides.

**Hallock**—"The children here have to read. We were given over two hundred dollars for new books this year. I used your list in selecting them and my work in the School Division of the Public Library also helped me in selecting the books. Through my work in the St. Paul Library I was familiar with many of the books on the list."—A. S.

**Hopkins**—The school librarian at Hopkins gives part of her time to the grade library, part to the junior high library and part to the senior high library, all housed in separate places. The pupils are responsive and the librarian enthusiastic.

**Keewatin**—New shelving has been added to the adult room of the Keewatin school and public library. This improves conditions in the children's room also.

Keewatin entertained the Range School Librarians' Club in January. A general discussion of problems was the program.

**Lanesboro**—About three hundred dollars has been spent for books in Lanesboro this year. This more than meets the national standard of one dollar per pupil. There is a good selection of fiction for both grade and high school students, and the supply of non-fiction is growing. The library has been used very much more for reference material this year than it has in the past.

**Little Falls**—Four student assistants have been selected. They read the shelves, help with the reinforcing of the magazines, and each girl takes charge of the library one afternoon a week from three-thirty to four-thirty. They have been a great help, and the increase in circulation from 818 books the first semester of the previous year, to 1146 this year is largely due to them. Before the year is over we are hoping to reinforce all the National Geographics from 1916 to date so that the files will be of more value.

Approximately \$400 was expended of

the \$600 library appropriation, leaving a margin with which to purchase books and magazines that may be needed later in the term.

**Nashauk**—The grade supervisor is co-operating with the librarian in developing the children's reading through lists and periodic class visits to the children's room. This school has two large rooms attractively furnished one for adults and one for children.

**Olivia**—The Teacher Training class of twelve under the direction of Mrs. Armstrong assisted by Miss Kromer, grade principal, reorganized the training department library, by working Saturdays and odd hours during the week. It was very nicely done. The text and library books are separated. There is a new book case for the former in the back room, leaving the rural school library in the main room.

**Red Wing**—The circulation has doubled in the school library. Lists have been sent to the various departments and the teachers have been informed of new material. Exhibits of new books have been made in the various grades. Classroom libraries have been issued. Instruction has been given in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade. The shelf list has been completed and the catalog started.

**Rochester**—The Junior college students now have a separate library as the work was too heavy in the High school and Junior high school library. There is great interest in developing this new unit of service. New copies of old favorites have been secured by the high school library.

**St. Paul**—The local papers have been printing a series of articles on the school libraries. An interview with Blanche Spooner the librarian of the new Washington high school gave an enthusiastic account of the possibilities of library service in a school, together with the fine opportunities for training now open to those who desire to become librarians. A new course entitled Commercial Home Economics is making heavy demands upon the Humboldt school library. There is no one text book covering just this course on right living and working relations.

**Tower**—Complete reorganization of the department has been made so that library service is now available for all grade and high school students. A magazine reference room has been opened in connection with the history section and a clipping file is being started. Several hundred books have been purchased. An adequate social science library has been provided for upper grades. Several ready reference guides and books of poetry were added to our high school shelves. An effort is being made this year to place good attractive periodicals in the hands of grade children. The library here is primarily a school library, but all resources of the library are available to the public because Tower has no public library.

**Wells**—A new library room has recently been opened to the Annex pupils at Wells. The room is appropriately decorated with new pictures and sash curtains and the covers of the books have all been washed, cleaned and shellaced. Reading tables have been installed and each child in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be allowed two periods a week in the library. Books may be taken home.

**Winthrop**—The pupils of Winthrop school are reading with much pleasure the new library books which have just been received.

There are about ninety books suited to all ages and grades. They vary from good rather recent fiction to the deeper subjects of science, essays and biography. He must be a difficult child to please who can not find something to his liking on the list.

These books were accessioned and put into condition to circulate by a number of the teachers who worked evenings and Saturday morning.

**Rural School Libraries**—The needs of rural school libraries were presented to the Rural Section of the State School Board Association by Harriet Wood, Supervisor of School Libraries.

#### REFERENCES ON PLAY

Compiled by Edith D. Dixon, Institute of Child Welfare, University of Minnesota

**Forbush, William.** Manual of play. Jacobs.

**Johnson, G. E.** Education by plays and games. Ginn.

**Lee, Joseph.** Play in education. Macmillan.

**Palmer, Luella.** Play life in the first eight years. Ginn.

**Sies, A. C.** Spontaneous and supervised play in childhood. Macmillan.

#### Pamphlets

**Boyd, N. I.** Play equipment for the nursery. 10c. Chicago Association of Day Nurseries, 308 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**Bureau of Education Experiments, New York City.** Bulletins.

1. Playthings. 3d Ed. rev. 20c.

8. Catalog of play equipment by Hunt. 35c.

11. Nursery school experiment by Johnson & Steward. 75c.

**Leonard, M. S.** Best toys for children. 25c. To be secured from Miss Annette Hainer, Jefferson School, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

**Playground and Recreation Association of America, New York City.** How to equip a play room. 10c. Home play ground and indoor play room. 10c.

#### A SCHOOL LIBRARY

A pleasant place of quiet nooks and books;

A place where happily

A little child

May drift and dream afar to wonderland;

An older child

May read of deeds—noble, and great, and true—

May feel the urge

Of all the things life holds for him to do.

Read, happy little ones—

And live the days that were and are to be.

GRETCHEN WESTERVELT,

Marr School Library.

Detroit Educ. Bulletin, Dec. 1923, v. 7, No. 4.